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Harrison Edward Livingstone
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Dear Mr. Livingstone:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 16, 1981. I must remind you that my exposure to the President was extremely brief, probably less than three minutes. I must also remind you that my recollection of his injuries was poor. I have stated that repeatedly during each interview with you, with the Globe reporters and with the Warren Commission. In addition, my memory of the wounds has probably been modified by illustrations appearing in various publications in the interim since the assassination. You showed me a line drawing which was not very good; however, on more careful study of the picture from which that line drawing was taken, I see a large flap of bone still attached to the scalp on the right side of the head and everted. Probably, this fragment of bone would partially cover a large cranial defect in the right parieto-occipital area. The scalp, which was not blown away, has been restored to its normal position to show the entry wound. In doing so, the underlying bony defect is obscured. Under these circumstances, the wound in the picture is compatible with my memory. However, I must again remind you that I did not personally examine the President's wounds in detail and my memory of the wounds is faulty. You have only to read the Warren Commission report to substantiate that fact. I testified under oath before the Warren Commission that my memory was faulty but I believed that the wounds were on the left side of the head. If I am forced to stand by any statement, I shall stand by my testimony under oath.

Sincerely,

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